



# Best Barns USA

Assembly Book

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## ***the Arlington-R***

Building Size  
12' x 24'

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SHED KIT

This manual will show the assembly for the Arlington building kit. See back page for the breakdown of this material. If you received duplicate books, use the one with the latest revision date. **The foundation is 12'-0" x 23'-9". Do Not make the foundation larger.**

Read the instructions before starting the assembly of the building. If you have any questions about assembling the kit, call 800-245-1577. Business hours (8:00-5:00 ET) Monday thru Friday. After business hours call 724-866-HELP (4357) or email to [help@barnkits.com](mailto:help@barnkits.com).

The siding, roof sheathing, long framing material and optional floor *if ordered*, will be delivered by a local supplier. The breakdown of this material is listed on the back page. Check to see if you received the correct amount of material before the driver leaves and note any shortage.

The 12' material was shipped in (5) five cardboard packages. The shorter lumber is shipped on a small pallet. Stacking the boards, according to size, will make them easier to find when needed. **Do Not** discard any material, *no matter how small*, until your building is complete.

Paint the bottom edges of the siding around the perimeter of the building. Keep dirt, grass, mulch, snow and similar substances away from the lower part of the siding. The siding manufacturers generally recommend 8" or more of clear space.

Before you begin construction, study this assembly manual. Also, obtain a building permit and check all pertinent building code regulations.

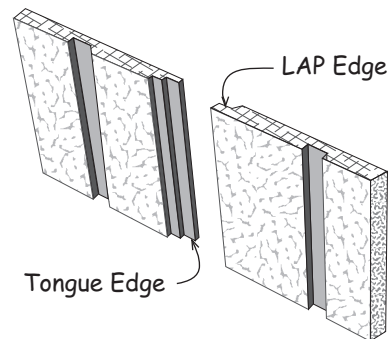
Thank you for your purchase.

Bill & Linda Rinella, owners

### Exterior Siding

The siding is made in 4x8 sheets with grooves cut into the face, the long edge is beveled so that the siding overlays where they butt.

To identify which edge we want you to use, we will refer to the edge as either the 'LAP' Edge or the Tongue Edge. Nail siding with 8d galv. nails, spaced 12" apart.



### Tool List

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer & Phillips Screwdriver | <input type="checkbox"/> Power Drill/Screwdriver          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framing Square & Level        | <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring Tape                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand or Circular Saw          | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-8' Step Ladders & Ladder Jacks |

**Always wear safety glasses when cutting or nailing!**

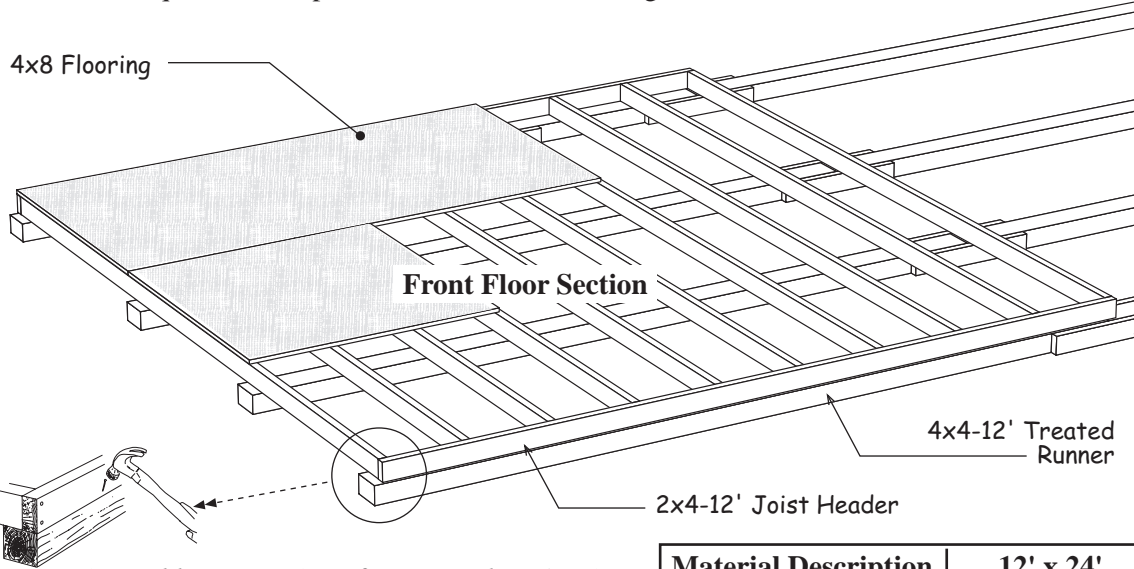
## Constructing Details for 12'x24' Deluxe Floor System

*Deluxe floors include 4x4 runners, standard floors do not*

**Foundation size is 12'-0" x 23'-9"**. Check local building codes in your area, the construction may have to change. For a concrete slab, install sill sealer as a moisture barrier between the concrete and the wall plates. Foam sill sealer can be purchased at home centers in rolls 3-1/2" or wider.

1. Cut (20) twenty 2x4-12' treated boards to 11' 8-7/8". These will be the floor joists.
2. Place 4x4-12' treated timbers on the ground. Cut (2) two 2x4-8' boards into 2' long blocks to secure the 4x4s where they butt together.
3. Cut (2) two 2x4-12' to a length of 12' -0". They will be used for the joist headers. Layout, from left, for 16" on center joist spacing. 'X' marks where floor joist will be placed.

15-1/4"	16"	16"		
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X
4. Install the floor joists cut above between the 12' joist headers. Secure with 16d galv. deck nails.
5. Place floor sections over the 4x4s. Square floor assembly. Measure the floor diagonally (corner to corner). Then measure the opposite corners. These measurements will be the same if the floor is square. To keep the 2x4 frame from moving, toenail frame to the 4x4 runners.



### Assembly Instructions for Rear Floor Section

6. Cut (2) two 2x4-12' to a length of 11' -9". Layout for 16" joist spacing, *see above*.
7. Install floor joists between the joist headers. Square the floor section. Install this section, **with the 16" spacing**, against the section assembled above.
8. Install 4x8 flooring over the 2x4s. Use 8d galv. spiral nails.

Material Description		12' x 24'	
2x4	Blocks	2 pcs.	8'
2x4	Joist Headers	4 pcs.	12'
2x4	Floor Joist	20 pcs.	12'
4x4	Treated Runners	8 pcs.	12'
Flooring	5/8" or 3/4"	9 pcs.	4x8
Screw Floor Nails		4 lb.	8d
Galv. Box Nails		5 lb.	16d

## Step 1 Assemble Roof Trusses

1. Locate a 2x4 -12' board, *with angle cuts on both ends*, to be used for the truss bottom.
2. Position 105-3/4" long pre-cut 2x4 rafters on the 12' board.

3. Temporarily tack 2x4 blocks, *packed in kit*, around the truss members. This will insure that the trusses are built exactly the same.

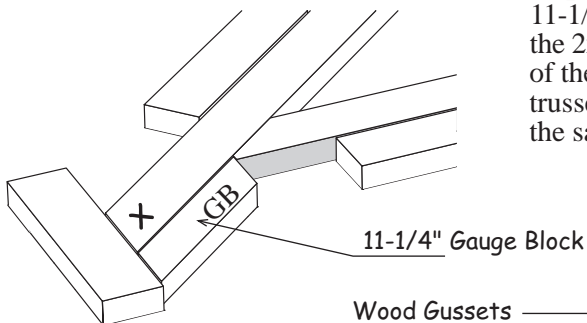
4. Position a 2x4-17-1/2" block at the ridge.

5. Position a 16-3/4" long 2x4 gable stud at each end of the truss.

2x4 Blocks

2x4- 12' 0"  
angled ends

**Important:** To insure the proper overhang, insert a 11-1/4" long 2x3 gauge block (GB) on each end. Butt the 2x4 truss bottom against the block. Mark this end of the trusses with an 'X' mark. When you install the trusses later, install all the trusses with this end on the same side of the building.



11-1/4" Gauge Block

Wood Gussets

6. Install wood gussets to secure truss parts in place. Apply wood glue between gussets and 2x4s. Secure top gussets with (12) twelve 6d common nails. Secure the lower gussets with (16) sixteen 6d common nails.

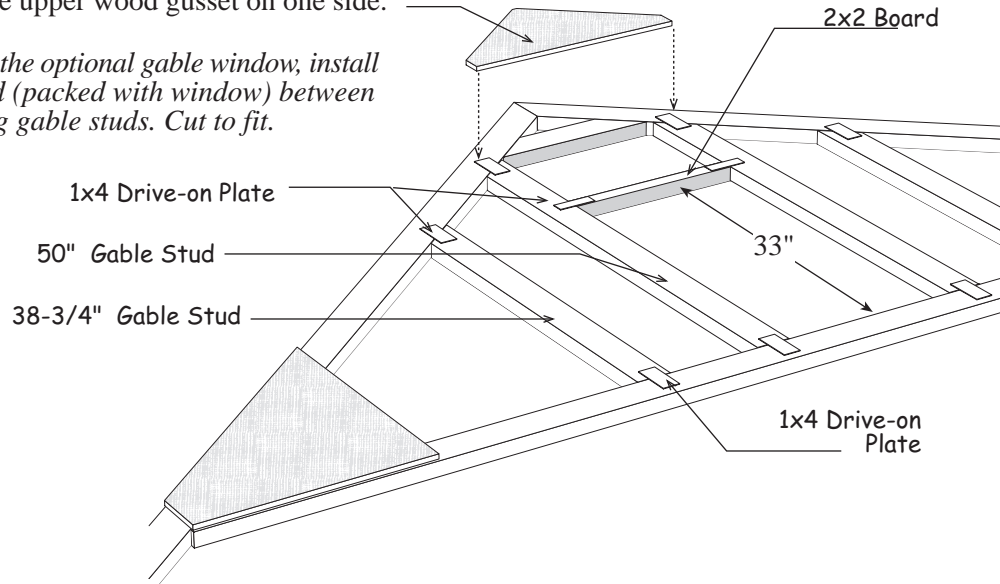
7. Turn truss over and apply wood gussets to the opposite side of the trusses.

8. Repeat process to assemble (10) ten more trusses. Do Not remove the 2x4 blocks around the perimeter of the truss until the gables are assembled in the next step.

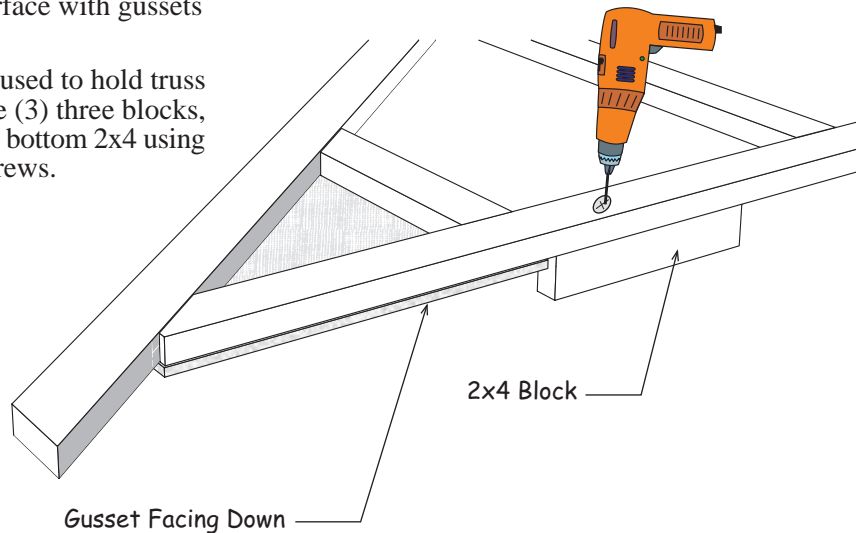
## Step 2 Assemble Roof Gables

1. Select another 12' long 2x4, *with angle cuts on both ends*. Install pre-cut rafters and bottom gussets as in previous step. Install the bottom gussets on one side only.
2. Install 38-3/4" and 50" long 2x4 gable studs. Secure gable studs with 1" x 4" metal drive-on plates.
3. Install the upper wood gusset on one side.

*If installing the optional gable window, install a 2x2 board (packed with window) between the 53" long gable studs. Cut to fit.*




4. Repeat steps to assemble another roof gable.
5. Lay gable on flat surface with gussets facing down.
6. Remove 2x4 blocks used to hold truss parts in place. Secure (3) three blocks, *evenly spaced*, to the bottom 2x4 using 2-1/2" long wood screws.

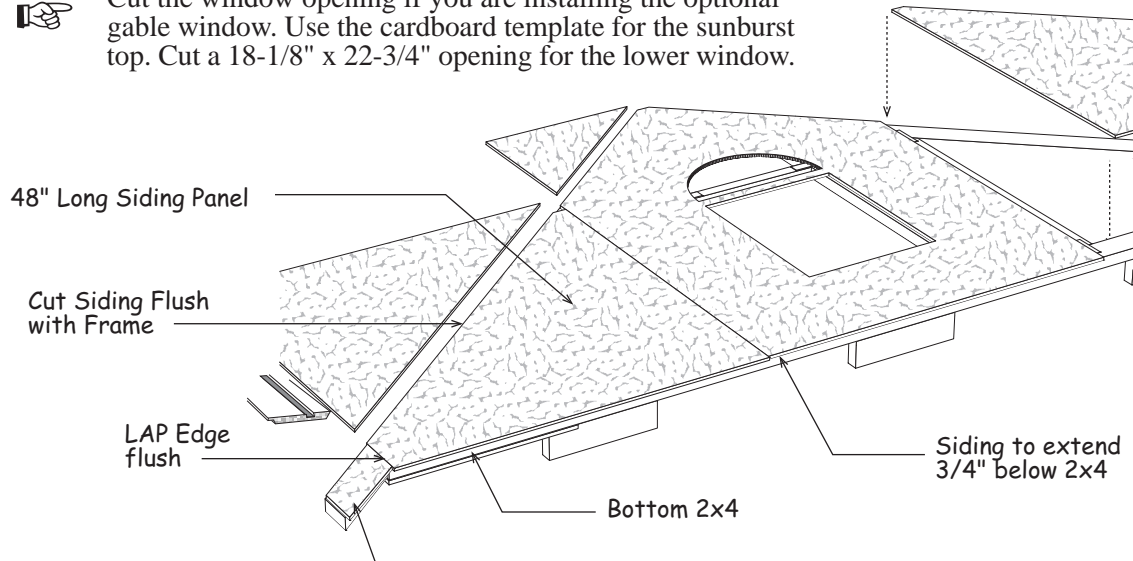




### Step 3 Install Siding on Gables

1. Cut a 4x8 siding panel in half creating (2) two 48" siding panels. Install one of the pieces with the 'LAP' edge flush with the end of the bottom 2x4 board and extending 3/4" below the bottom 2x4. Cut siding flush with the top of the gable frame. Secure with 6d galv. nails.
2. Cut a 4x8 siding panel to a length of 66-1/2". Save the cutoff. Install the siding in the center. Cut siding flush with the top of the gable frame.
3. Install the remaining 48" siding panel on the end of the gable.

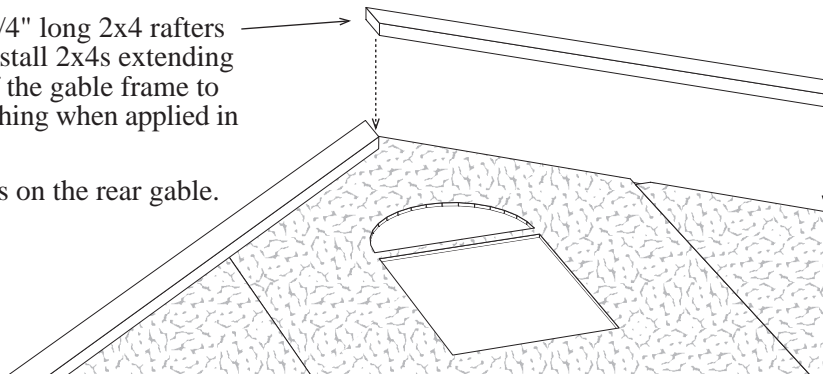
 Cut the window opening if you are installing the optional gable window. Use the cardboard template for the sunburst top. Cut a 18-1/8" x 22-3/4" opening for the lower window.



4. Cut siding and install on the ends of the gable. The siding should extend 1/2" below the 2x4 to receive the soffit when installed later.
5. Repeat to install siding on the rear gable.

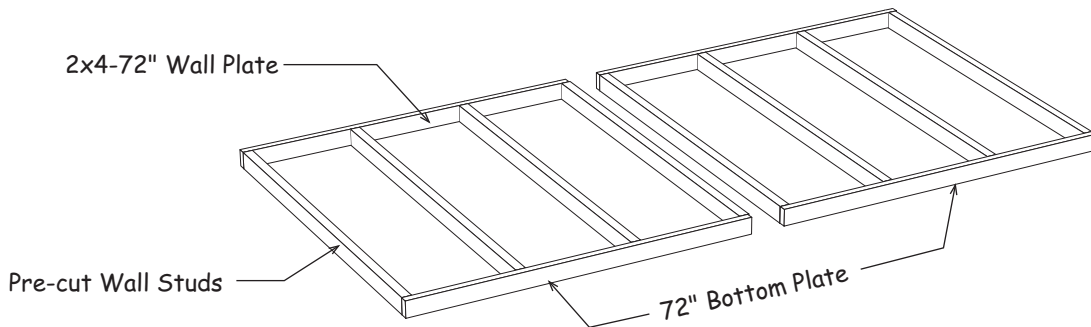
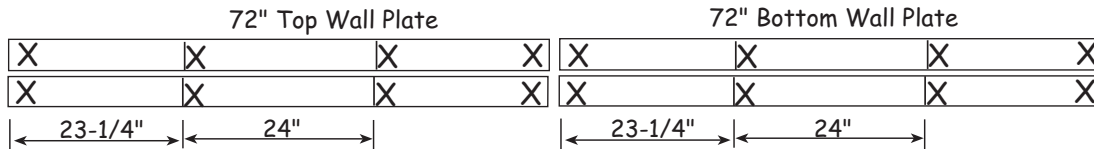
### Step 4 Install Gable Overhang

1. Install (2) two 105-3/4" long 2x4 rafters on the front gable. Install 2x4s extending 1/2" above the top of the gable frame to receive the roof sheathing when applied in a later step.
2. Repeat to install 2x4s on the rear gable.

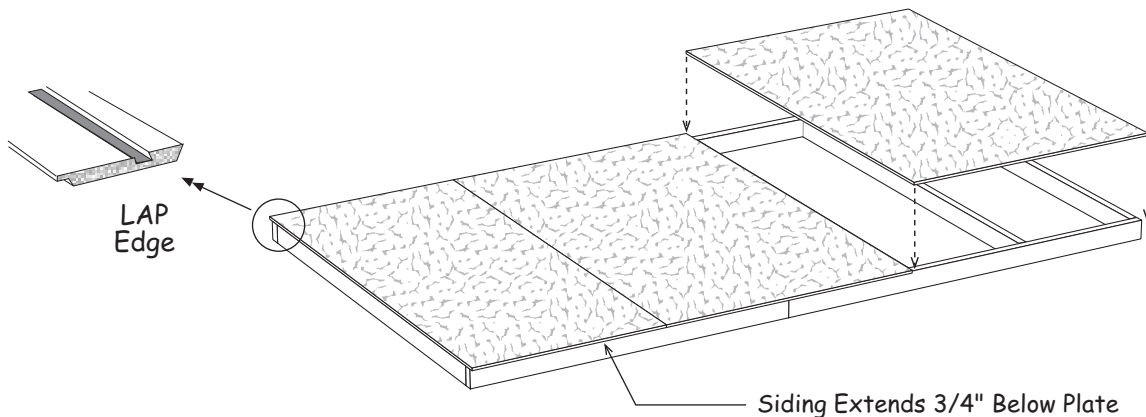


## Step 5 Assemble 12' End Wall (without door opening)

1. Position (4) four 2x4-72" boards together and indicate with 'X' marks, where the wall studs will be located.

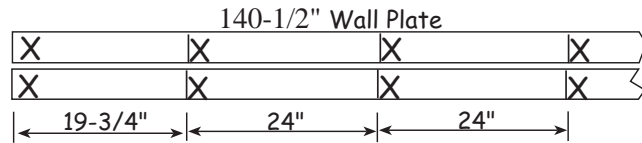


2. Install pre-cut wall studs between the top & bottom plates. Pre-cut wall studs will be 92-5/8" or 92-1/4" in length. Nail studs to wall plates with 10d sinkers, (2) two nails on each end.
3. Nail both wall frames together. Use 10d sinkers.
4. Square wall frame. Measure the wall diagonally (corner to corner). Then measure the opposite corners. These measurements will be the same if the wall is square.
5. Install the first siding panel with the 'LAP edge' flush with the end of the wall and extending 3/4" below the bottom plate. Tip: Use a 1x4 trim board as a gauge. Nail siding with 8d galv. nails, spaced 12" apart.
6. Install (2) two more siding panels. Cut the last panel flush with the end of the frame.

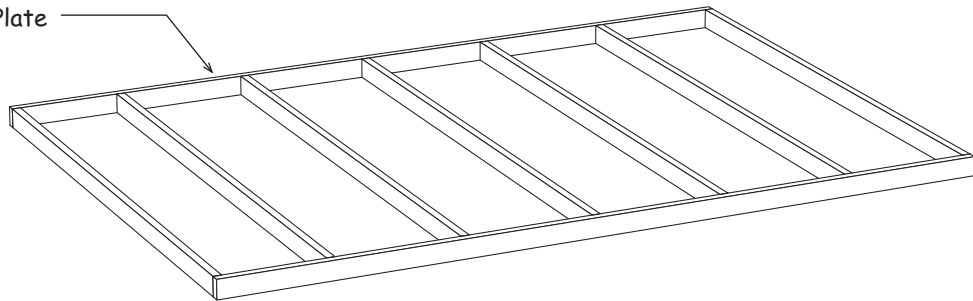


## Step 6 Assemble 140-1/2" Long Back Wall

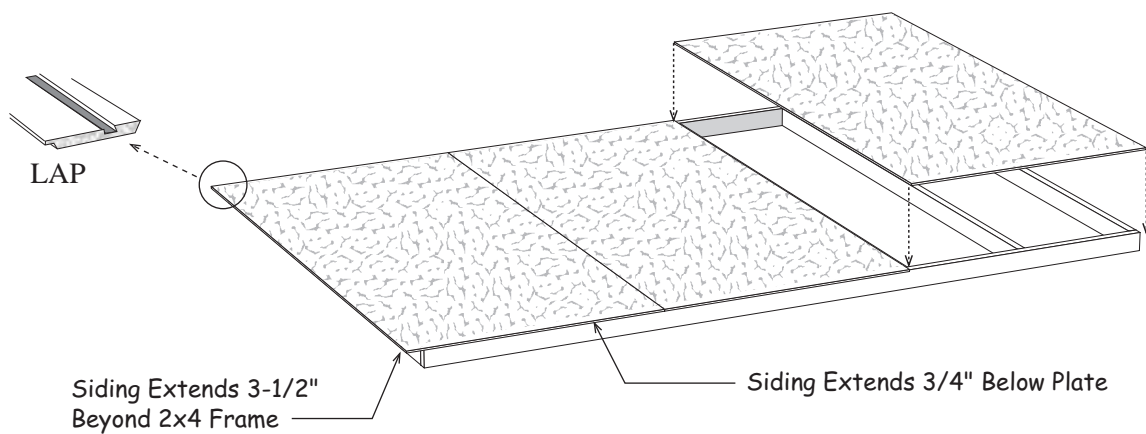
1. Cut (2) two 2x4-12' to a length of 140-1/2". Position the boards together and indicate with 'X' marks, where the wall studs will be located.



140-1/2" Wall Plate



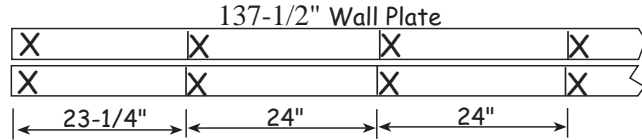
2. Install pre-cut wall studs between the top and bottom plates.
3. Square wall frame. Install the first siding panel with the 'LAP edge' extending 3-1/2" beyond the end of the wall and extending 3/4" below the bottom plate.
4. Install (2) two more siding panels.



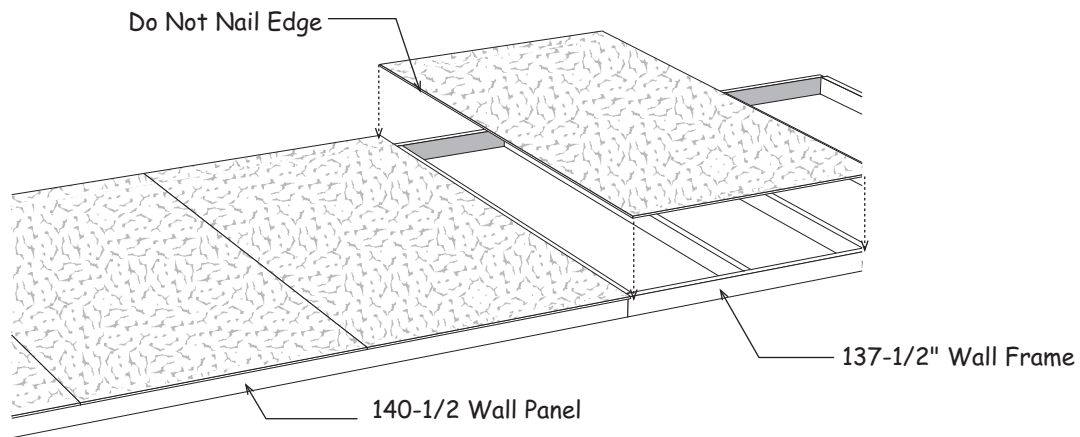


## Step 7 Assemble 137-1/2" Long Back Wall

1. Cut (2) two 2x4-12' to a length of 137-1/2". Position the boards together and indicate with 'X' marks, where the wall studs will be located.

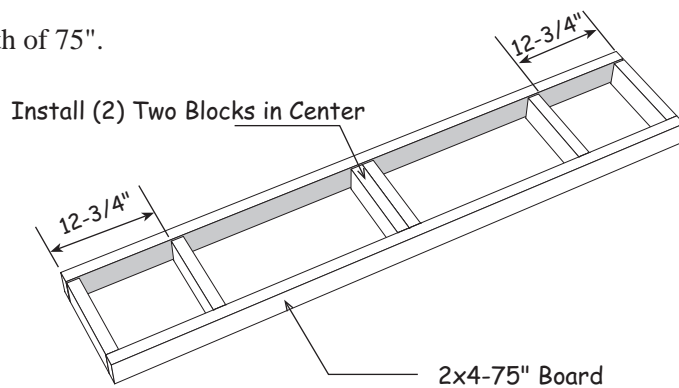


2. Install pre-cut wall studs between the top and bottom plates.
3. Butt the above wall frame against a wall panel from **Step 6**.
4. Square wall frame and install a siding panel. DO NOT nail the long edge that overlaps the siding on the adjoining panel so they can be separated. Install another siding panel. Cut the last siding panel to a width of 45". The last panel will extend 3-1/2" past the wall frame.
5. Separate wall panels.



## Step 8 Assemble Door Header

1. Cut (2) two 2x4-8' boards to a length of 75".



2. Cut (6) six 2x4-11" blocks from another 8' long 2x4.
3. Assemble the door header using 10d sinkers.

## Step 9 Assemble 12' End Wall (with door opening)

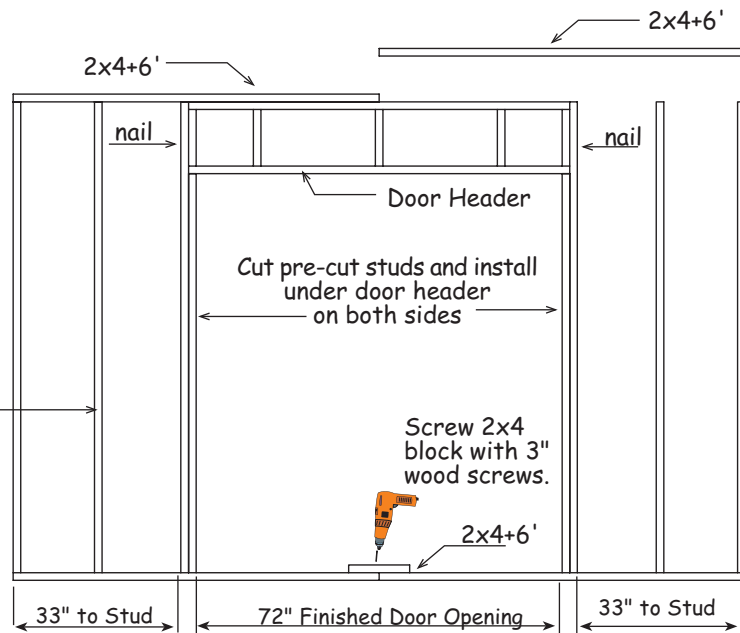
1. Gather the material listed below to assemble the door wall.

8	Pre-cut Wall Studs
4	2x4-6' Boards
1	Door Header from <b>Step 8</b>
1	2x4 Block

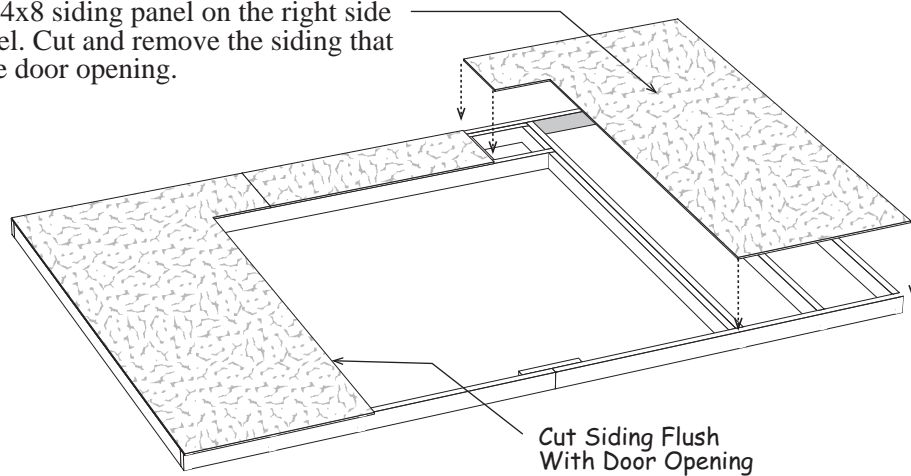
2. Install (6) six pre-cut wall studs between the 2x4-6' boards where shown. Temporarily secure the bottom 2x4-6' boards together with a 2x4 block.

Install Stud in Center

3. Install the door header at the top of the door opening.
4. Cut and install (2) two pre-cut wall studs under door header.

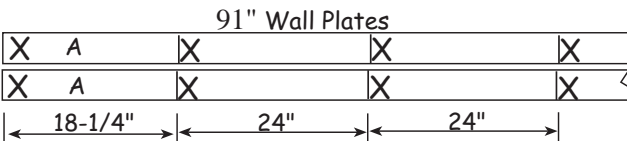


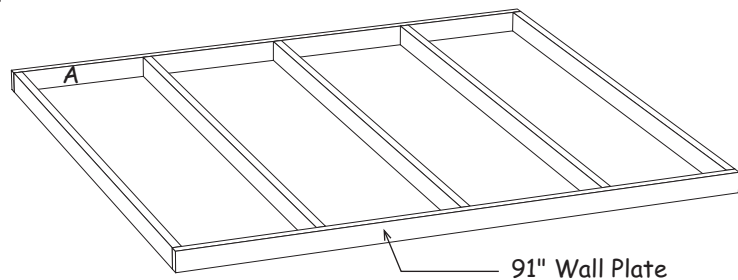
5. Install a 4x8 siding panel on the left side of the wall panel. Before you install the siding, cut and remove the siding that extends into the door opening.
6. Install a siding panel, leftover from **Step 3**, above the door opening.
7. Install another 4x8 siding panel on the right side of the wall panel. Cut and remove the siding that extends into the door opening.



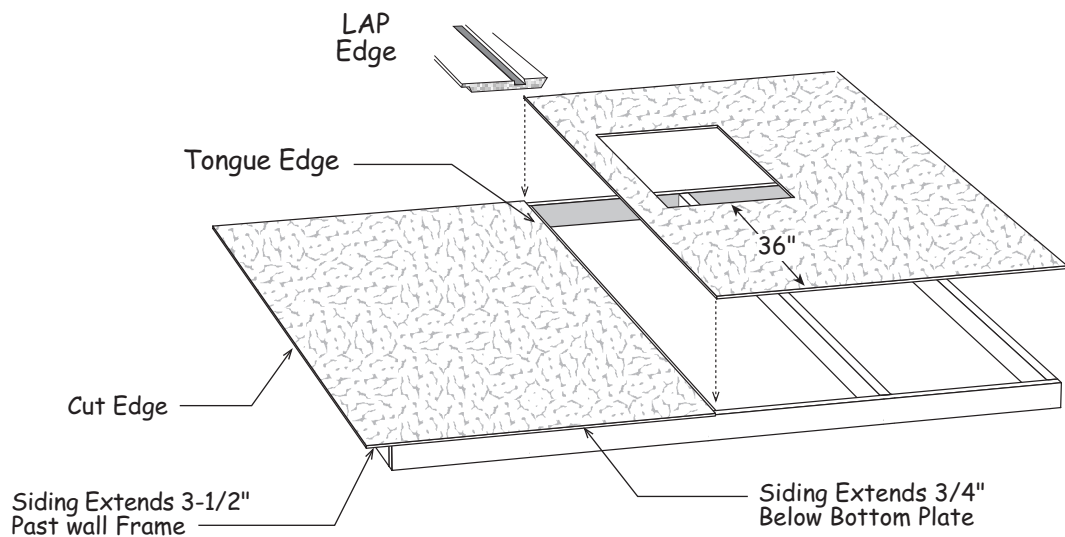
## Step 10 Assemble Front End Walls

1. Cut (2) two 2x4-8' boards to a length of 91". Position the boards together and indicate with 'X' marks where the wall studs will be located.

2. Mark this end with the letter 'A'. 
3. Install wall studs between the top and bottom plates. Use (2) two 10d sinkers at each end of the stud.

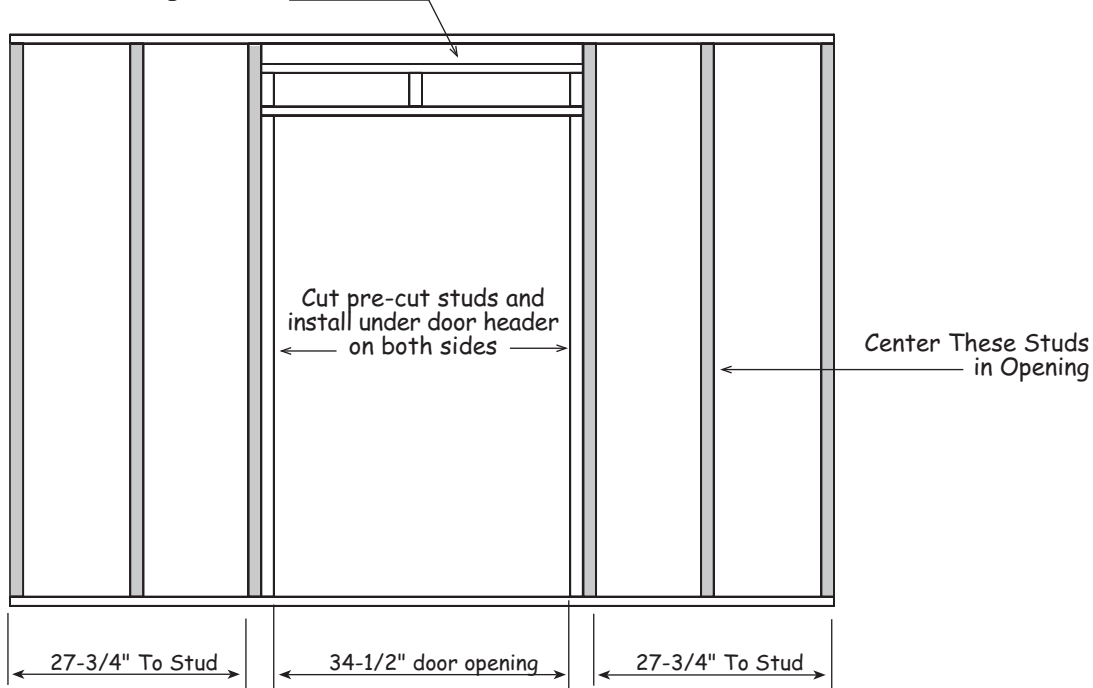


4. Measuring from the 'tongue edge', cut a siding panel to a width of 46-1/2". Install this panel with the cut edge extending 3-1/2" past the left end of the wall frame. The siding should extend 3/4" below the wall plate.
5. Install a full width siding panel.
6. Locate where you want the window and cut the opening.
7. Build another 91" wall frame Do Not apply the siding on this wall frame.



## Step 11 Assemble Center Front Wall

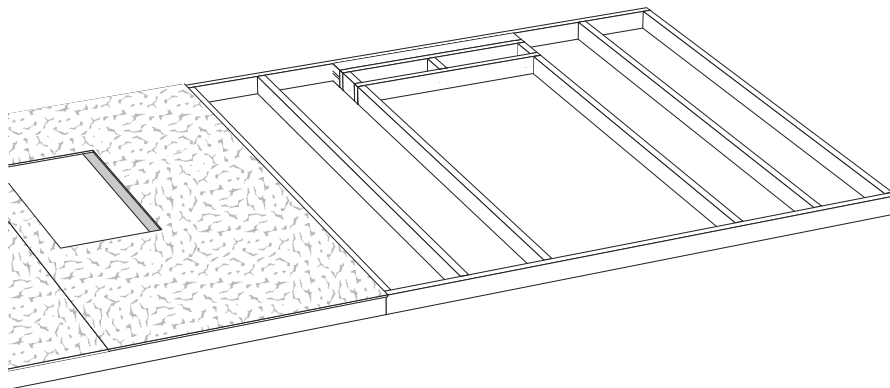
1. Install (6) six pre-cut wall studs, *indicated in gray*, between 8' long 2x4s.
2. Install a pre-built door header between the center wall studs.



3. Cut (2) two pre-cut 2x4 studs and install under the door header.

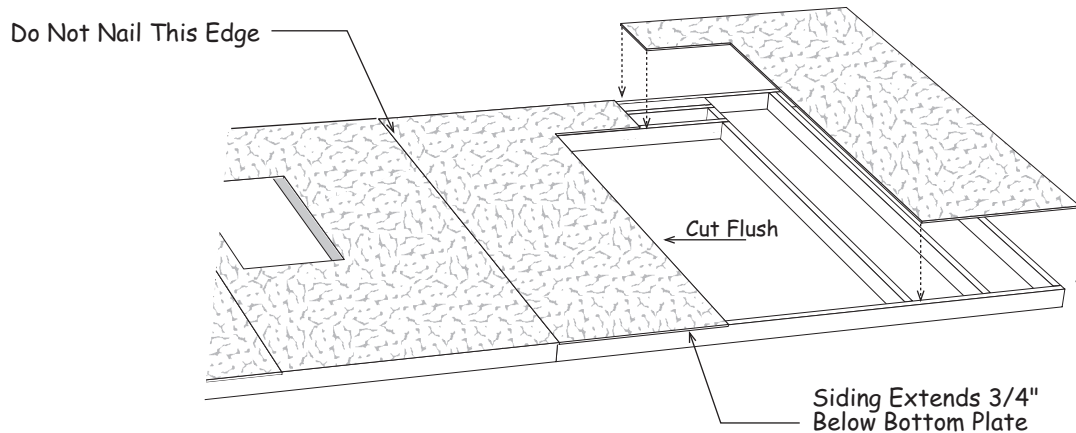
## Step 12 Fasten Left End Wall and Center Frame

1. Select the wall frame, with siding, assembled in Step 10. Butt the wall frame against the 8' center wall frame. DO NOT nail these frames together so they can be separated later.



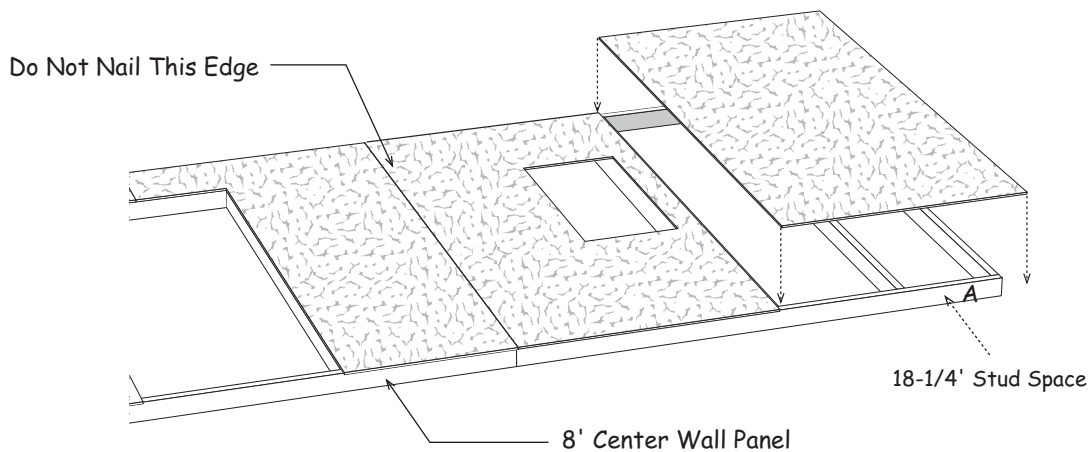
## Step 12 Fasten Left End Wall and Center Frame continued

2. Square the wall frame. Install a full width siding panel but do not nail along the long edge that overlaps the left wall panel. You can nail this edge after the wall panels are installed. This will enable you to separate the wall panels making them easier to handle. Cut the siding out of the door opening, flush with the side frame and top header.
3. Install another siding panel. Cut out the door opening.



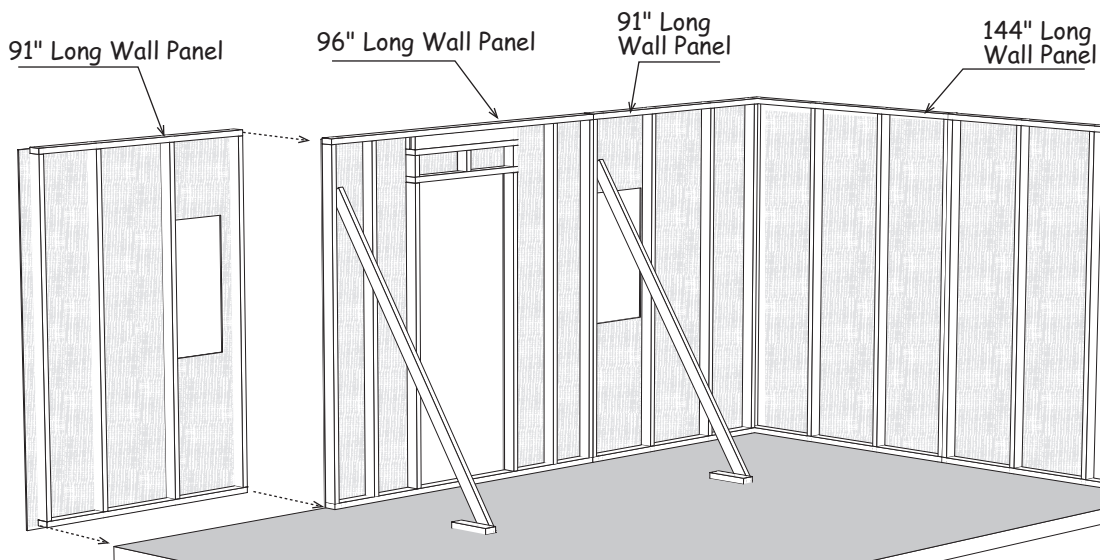
## Step 13 Apply Siding to Right Front Wall

1. Select the wall frame assembled in **Step 10**. Butt the wall frame against the 8' center wall with the smaller 18-1/4" stud space placed on the end. DO NOT nail these frames together so they can be separated later.
2. Square the wall frame. Install a full width siding panel but do not nail along the long edge that overlaps the 8' wall panel. You can nail this edge after the wall panels are installed.
3. Cut a siding panel to a width of 46-1/2", cutting off the 'tongue edge'. Install the siding panel will extend 3-1/2" past the end of the wall frame.



## Step 14 Set Wall Panels

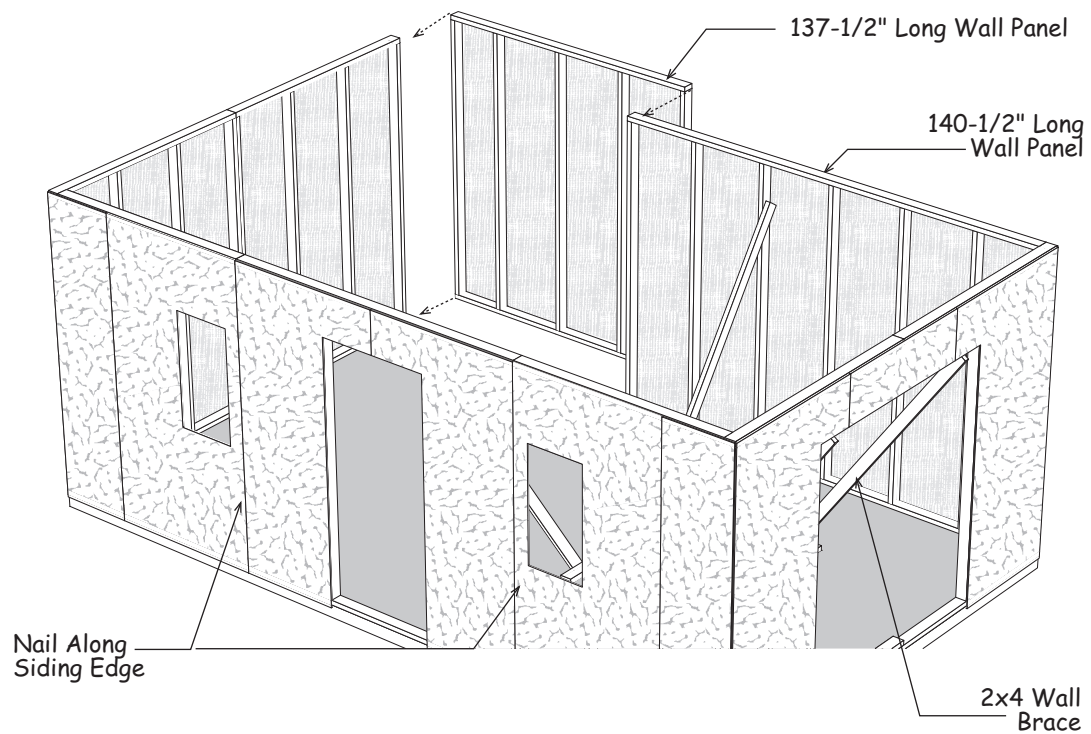
1. Set the end wall panel, *without the door opening*, between the 91" long front wall panel. Secure wall panels together at the corners. Use (4) four 10d coated nails per corner. Nail wall panels to the floor. Nail through the bottom plate. Space 10d sinkers 24" apart.
2. Nail along the siding edge where the sidewall panels overlap.
3. Use pre-cut wall studs to hold the front wall straight.





## Step 14 Set Wall Panels Continued

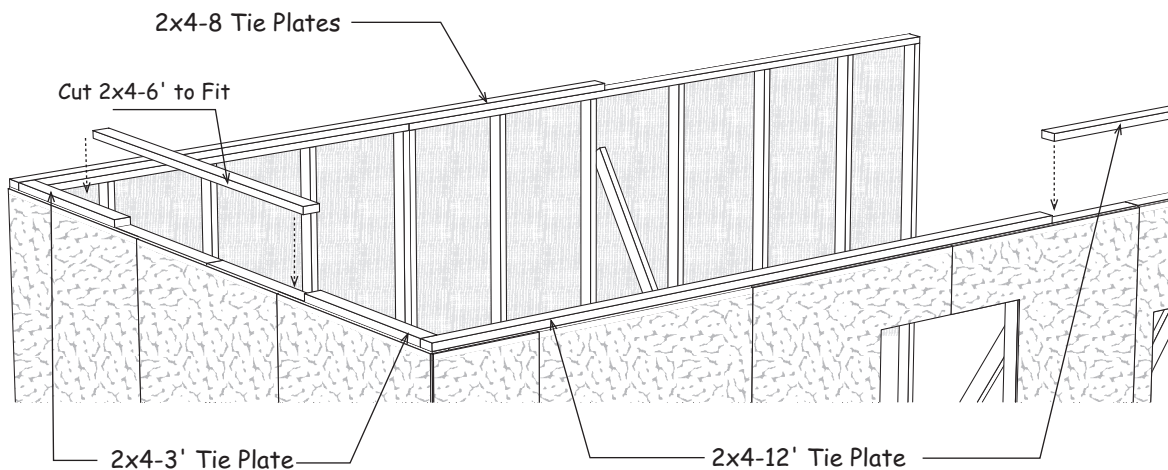
1. Set the back wall panels between the end wall. Brace where necessary.
2. Nail along the siding edge where the sidewall panels overlap.



3. Cut and remove the bottom 2x4 in both door openings.

## Step 15 Install 2x4 Tie Plates

1. Install a 2x4-12' board on the front wall, at the left corner of the building as shown below. Cut and install another 12' long 2x4 flush with the right corner. Use 10d sinkers.
2. Install (3) three 2x4-8' boards across the top of the back wall. Cut the last 2x4 flush with the end of the end wall panel.
3. Cut a 6' long 2x4 in half and install 3' long 2x4s on the 12' end wall as shown below. Cut and install a 6' long 2x4 between the 3' long 2x4s. Repeat on the opposite end wall.

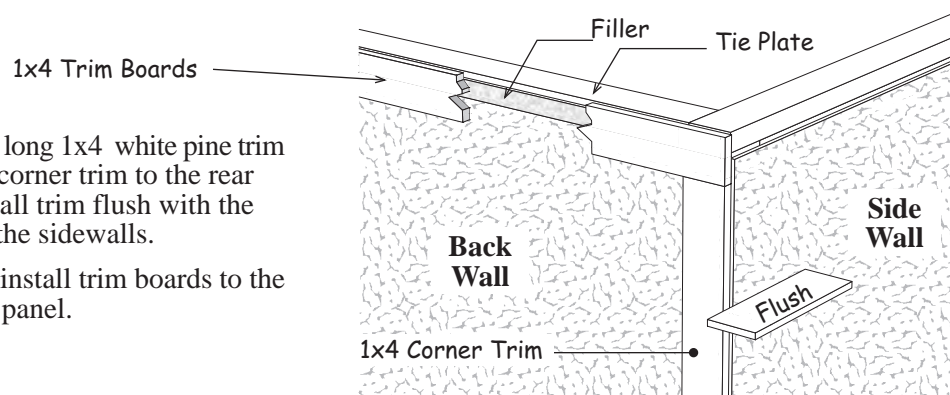


## Step 16 Install Corner Trim

**IMPORTANT: Lower Trim Must Be Installed Before Installing Roof Gables!**

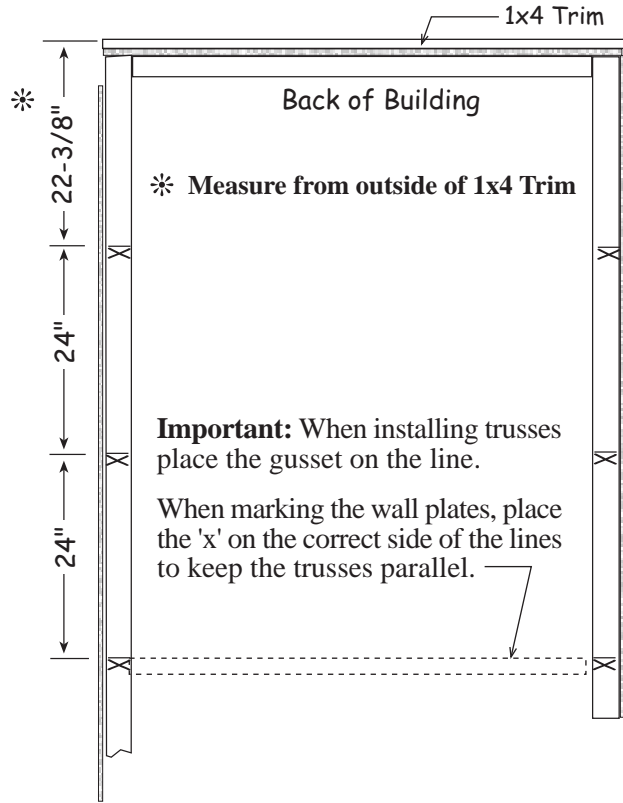
1. Tack 1-1/2" x 48" filler strips on top of the siding on the back wall.
2. Install (2) two 72-3/8" long 1x4 white pine trim boards flush with the siding on the sidewalls and flush with the top of the 2x4 tie plate. Use 8d galv. nails to install all trim.

3. Install 95" long 1x4 white pine trim boards as corner trim to the rear walls. Install trim flush with the siding on the sidewalls.
4. Repeat to install trim boards to the front wall panel.



## Step 17 Layout Roof Trusses

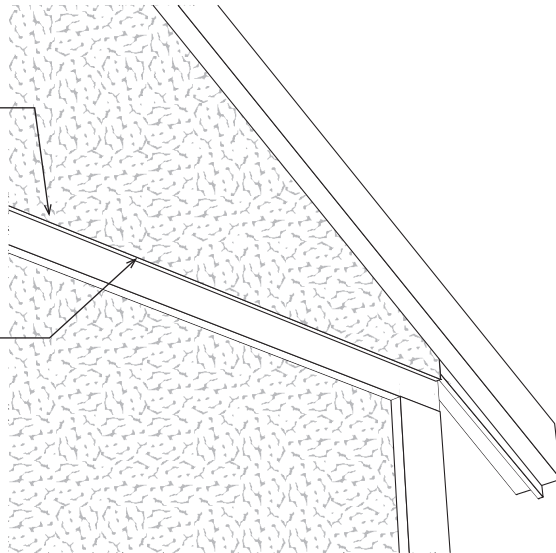
1. Draw a line where the trusses will be positioned. Mark an 'X' to the side of this line.
2. From the first line, draw more lines 24" apart and put an 'X' to the side of these lines. This will place the trusses 24" on center.
3. When installing trusses, position the wood gusset on the line.



## Step 18 Set Rear Gable

1. Install gable on the back wall. Secure bottom of gable by nailing gable blocks to wall plate.
2. Nail the bottom edge of the siding into the 1x4 trim. Use 8d galv. nails.

**Important:** Bottom edge of gable siding extends over 1x4 trim

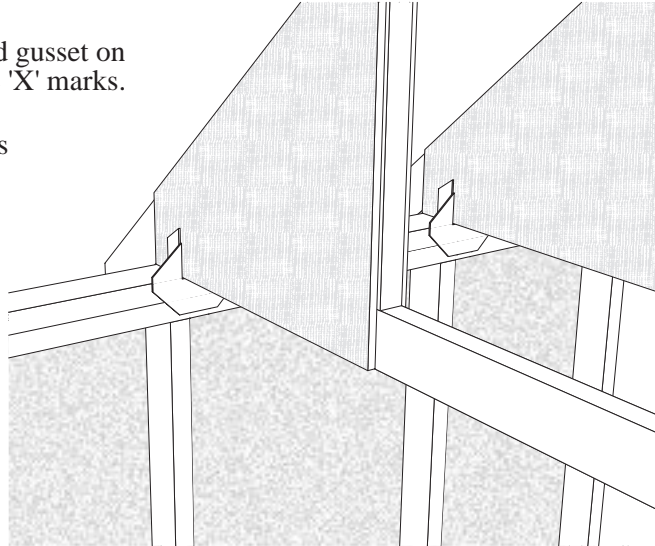


## Step 19 Set Trusses

1. Install (4) four trusses with the wood gusset on the line and the truss bottom over the 'X' marks.
2. Secure trusses with the metal hangers and 1-1/2" long hanger nails.

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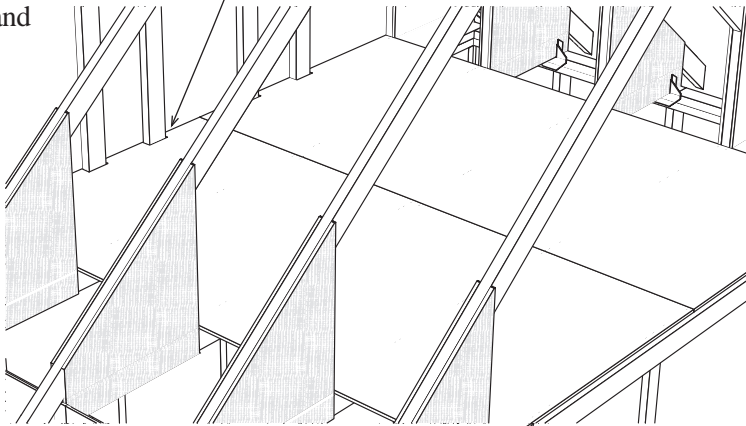
Secure the trusses to the sidewall that has the wall bracing first. Make sure the opposite sidewall is straight before securing trusses. The building width should be 12'-0" measuring outside of 2x4 tie plate to outside of 2x4 tie plate.



## Step 20 Install Loft Flooring

1. Install (2) two 4x8 sheets of loft flooring on trusses. Notch floor around studs in the rear gable.

Make sure the walls are straight before nailing flooring. Nail floor to bottom 2x4 of gable and trusses with 7d coated nails.



2. If necessary, cut flooring to the center of the 2x4.
3. Install the remaining trusses and the front gable panel
4. Install 4x8 sheets of loft flooring on trusses at the front and center of the building.

## Step 21 Install Sidewall Trim & Soffit

It will be easier to install the soffit panel if the corner and sidewall trim are installed first. This enables the soffit panels to rest on the trim where it meets the building. See lower detail.

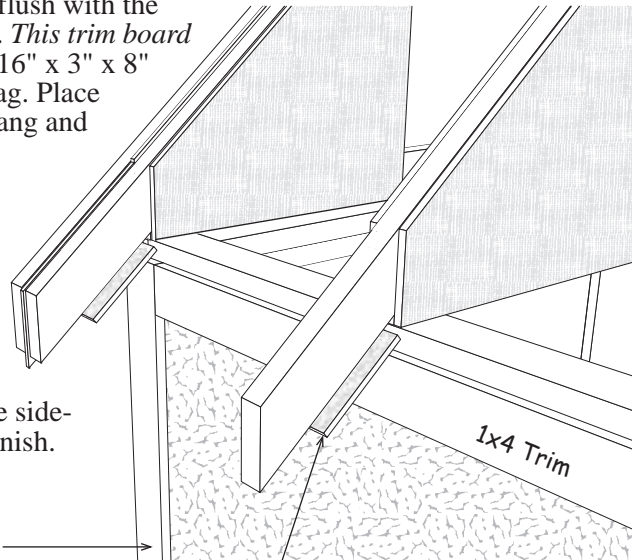
1. Install a 96-3/4" long 1x4 trim board flush with the corner trim on the back of the building. *This trim board has blue paint on one end.* Locate a 7/16" x 3" x 8" gauge block packed in the hardware bag. Place this gauge block under the truss overhang and butt the corner trim against it.

2. Install 4' long 1x4 trim along the top of the sidewall. Use the gauge block to set where the trim will be installed.

3. Install 1x4-12' trim along the top of the sidewall and cut another 4' long board to finish.

96-3/4' Long Corner Trim

7/16" Gauge Block

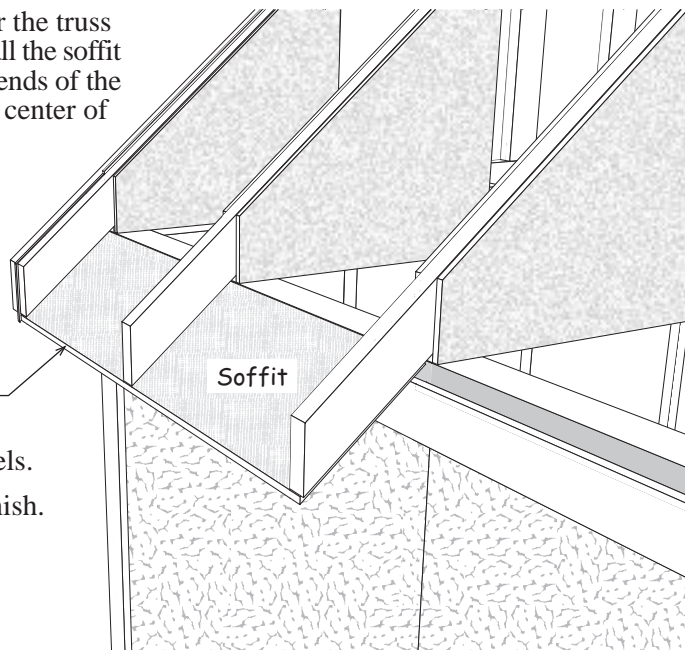


4. Install 10-5/8" soffit panels under the truss overhangs. Use 5d galv. nails. Install the soffit with the beveled edge toward the ends of the trusses. Cut a 4' long panel to the center of the truss.

Bevel Edge

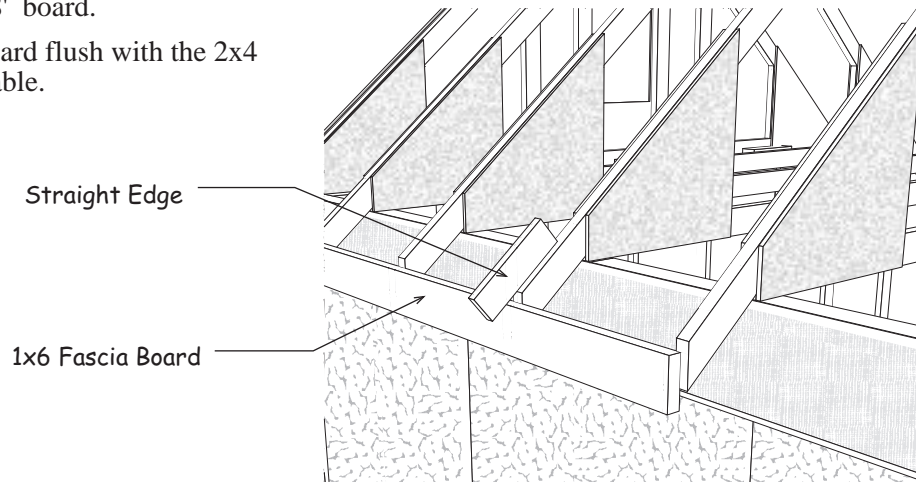
Soffit

5. Install (2) two 6' long soffit panels.
6. Install 4' long soffit panels to finish.



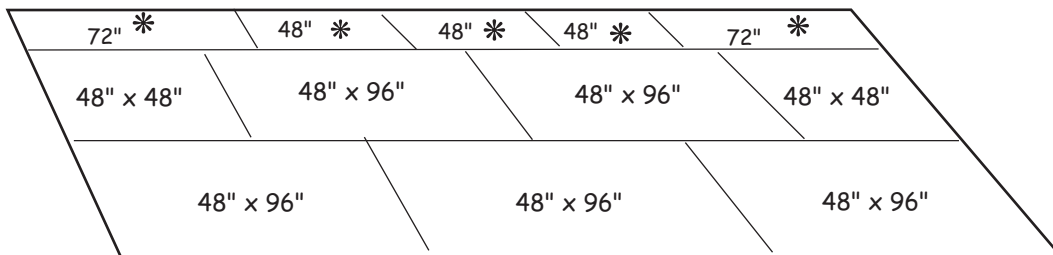
## Step 22 Install 1x6 Fascia on Sidewalls

1. Install a 121-1/2" long 1x6 trim board at the rear of the building, flush with the face of the 2x4. Install the 1x6 board so the face of the board is aligned with the top of the trusses. Use a straight edge as shown below. Use 8d galv. nails.
2. Install a 1x6-8' board.
3. Cut 1x6-8' board flush with the 2x4 on the front gable.



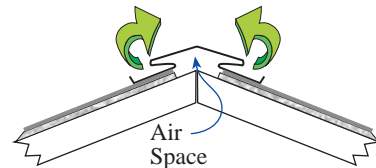
## Step 23 Install Roof Sheathing on Back

1. Install 4x8 roof sheathing starting at the lower left back corner. The bottom edge of the sheathing should extend past the end of the trusses and rest on the 1x6 fascia. Make sure the trusses and gables are plumb and the roof sheathing meets the center of the trusses.
2. Install roof sheathing per layout below. The top row of sheathing is supplied in our component kit. There will be a gap at the top to allow ventilation if ridge vent is applied. Insert (2) two ply-clips into the roof sheathing between each truss at the top row, see drawing on next page. Secure sheathing with 7d sinkers nails. Space nails 12" apart.



\* Supplied in our component kit.

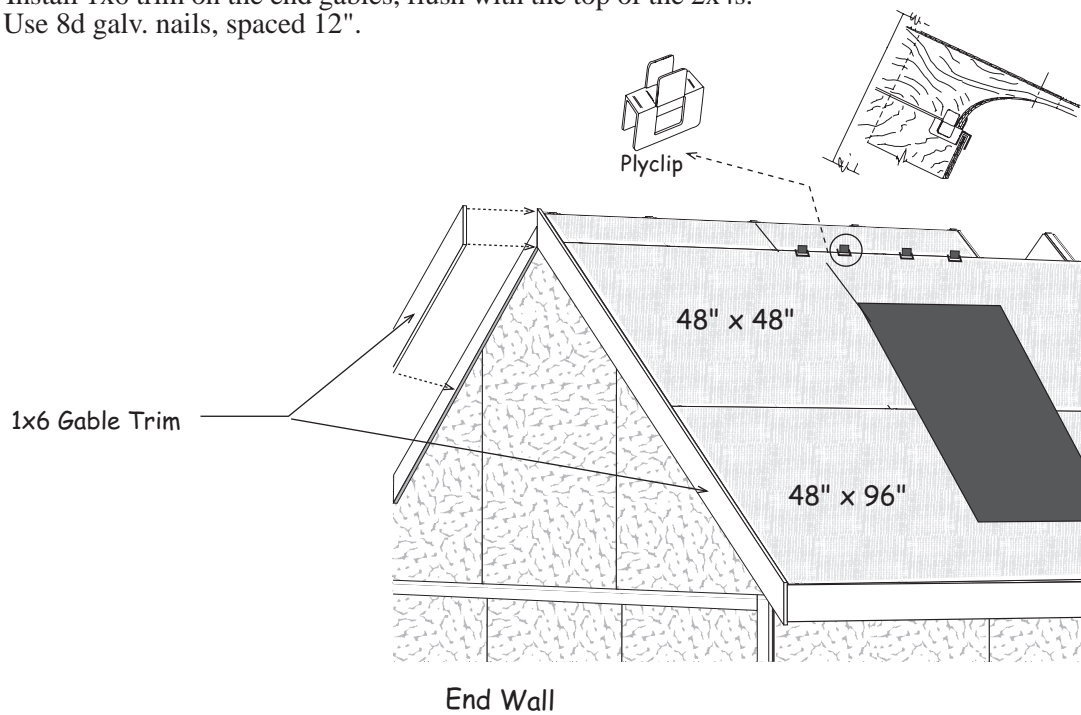
*Optional ridge vent provides ideal ventilation.*




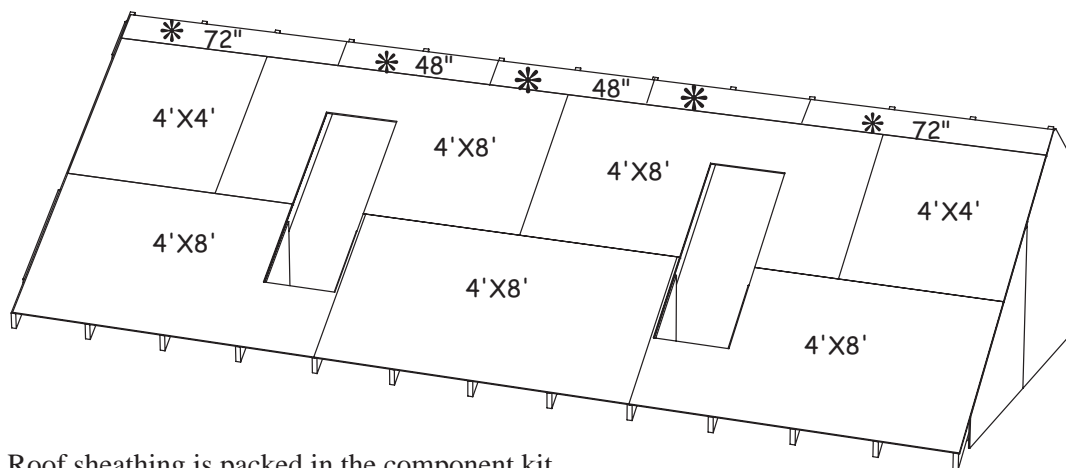


## Step 24 Install Roof Sheathing on Front

1. Install 4x8 roof sheathing per layout below
2. Install 1x6 trim on the end gables, flush with the top of the 2x4s.  
Use 8d galv. nails, spaced 12".



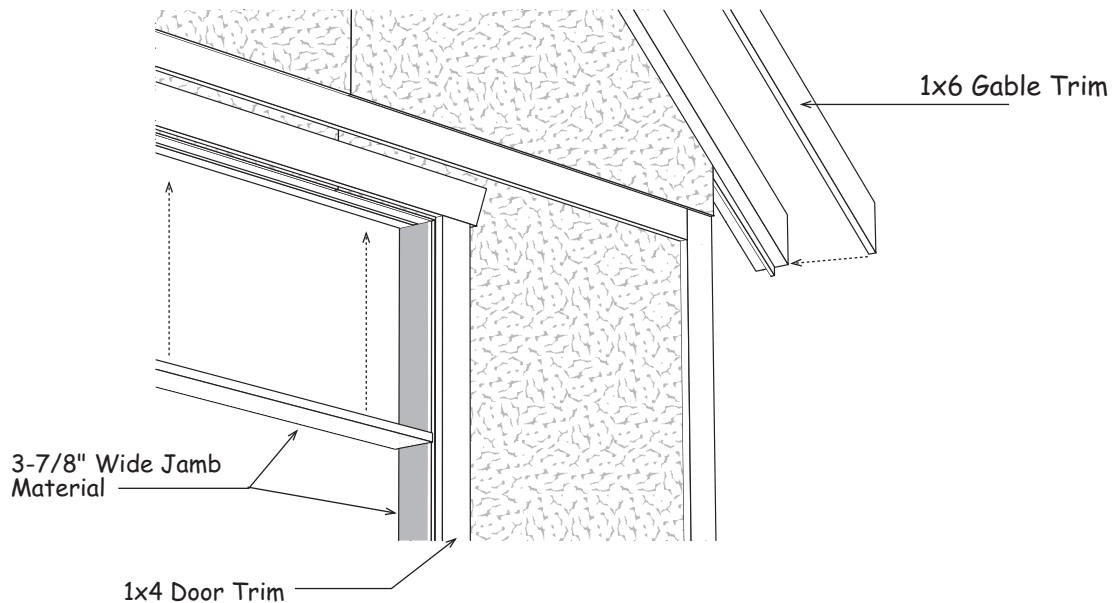
 You can cut the dormer openings as you install the roof sheathing. See **Step 2** in the Dormer Assembly Book, *packed in the dormer kit*, for the opening sizes.




\* Roof sheathing is packed in the component kit.

## Step 25 Install Front Gable Trim and Door Trim

1. Install 1x6 trim boards over the 2x4 boards, flush with the top of the 2x4s.



 **Complete the steps below if you are installing wood pocket doors.**

1. Install 3-7/8" x 72" white pine wide jamb material on the top of the door opening.
2. Install 3-7/8" x 79-1/4" white pine wide jamb material on the sides of the door opening.
3. Install 80-3/4" long 1x4 trim boards on each side of the door opening.
4. Install an 82" long 1x4 trim board, *this board has angle cuts on both ends*, across the top of the door opening.

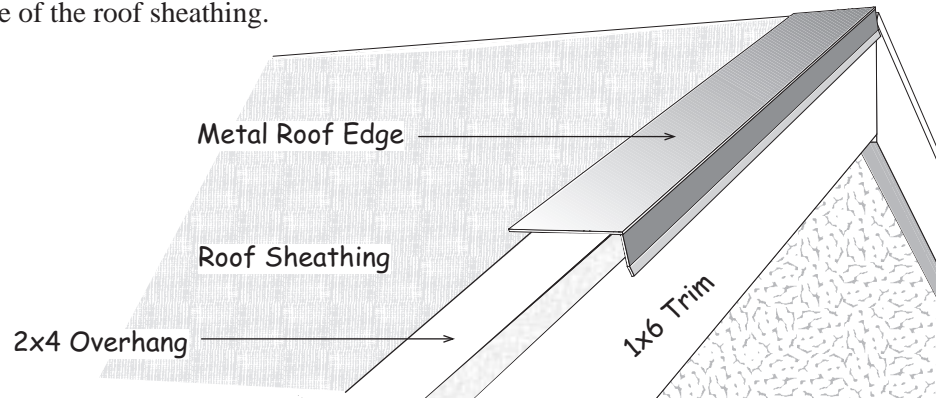
## Step 26 Install Roof Dormers and Pocket Doors

1. Install the roof dormers. Refer to the instruction manual packed with the dormer kit.
2. Install the pocket door per the instruction manual packed with the door kit.

**Note:** The instructions shows the door track being fastened to a door header. For this model you will be installing the tract to the 2x4 studs in the door header.

## Install Roofing — Not Supplied in Kit

1. Install metal roof edging along the end walls and the front edge of the roof sheathing.



2. Install shingles according to the instructions on the wrapper. If you need more detailed instructions on installing shingles, there are good publications at book stores or newsstands.

*Material Packaged In Dormer Component Kit*

4	2x6	Bottom Plates	55-3/4"	2	1 lb. box	8d	Galv. Box
2	2x4	Ridge Boards	56-1/2"	2	1 lb. box	6d	Galv. Box
2	2x4	Bottom Plates	33-1/2"	64	1/2"	White Screws for Windows	
4	2x3	Sidewall Overhang	45-1/4"	40	2-1/2"	Wood Screws	
4	2x3	Gable Overhang	22-3/4"	4	3-1/2"	Wood Screws	
4	1x4	Sidewall Fascia	45-1/4"	1	2"	Bit for Wood Screws	
4	1x4	Gable Trim	23-3/4"	64	5"x7"	Step Flashing	
4	1x3	Side Corner Trim	37"	2	7"x41"	Front Dormer Flashing	
4	1x3	Front Corner Trim	34-1/4"	2	ea.	18" x 23" Windows	
4	7/16"	Roof Sheathing	20-1/2"x 58-3/4"	2	ea.	18" Sunburst Windows	
4	3/8"	Sidewall Siding	4" x 47" angled	4	ea.	Pre-built Angle Sidewall Panels	
2	3/8"	Front Siding	33-1/2" x 49"	2	ea.	Pre-built Frontwall Panels	

Qty.	<i>Material Packaged In Component Kit</i>			Qty.	<i>Material Packaged In Component Kit</i>		
13	Truss Bottom	2x4	144"	24	7/16"	24" x 11" Truss Gussets	
30	Truss Rafters	2x4	105-3/4"	48	7/16"	24" x 24" Truss Gussets	
12	Wall Plates	2x4	72"	4	7/16"	9-3/4" x 72" Sheathing	
4	Gable Studs	2x4	50"	6	7/16"	9-3/4" x 48" Sheathing	
4	Gable Studs	2x4	38-3/4"	6	3/8"	Soffit Boards 4' x 10-5/8"	
26	Gable & Truss Studs	2x4	16-3/4"	4	3/8"	Soffit Boards 6' x 10-5/8"	
1	Pre-built Door Header	2x4	37-1/2"				
13	Truss Blocks	2x4	17-1/2"	7	lbs.	10d	Sinkers
4	White Pine Trim	1x4	72-3/8"	7	lbs.	8d	Galv. Nails
6	White Pine Wall Trim	1x4	48"	5	lbs.	7d	Sinkers
2	White Pine Wall Trim	1x4	144"	2	lbs.	6d	Galv. Nails
4	White Pine Corner Trim	1x4	95"	7	lbs.	6d	Common
4	White Pine Corner Trim	1x4	96-3/4"	1-1/2	lbs.	1-1/2"	Hanger Nails
4	White Pine Gable Trim	1x6	107	24	2-1/2	Wood Screws	
2	White Pine Fascia	1x6	121-1/2"	22	H11z	Truss Hangers	
4	White Pine Fascia	1x6	96"	50	Plyclips for Roof Sheathing		
2	Truss Gauge Blocks	2x3	10-5/8"	22	1x4	Drive-on Metal Plates	
10	Truss Jig Blocks	2x4	10"	5	16 oz.	Bottles Wood Glue	
2	Soffit Gauge Blocks	7/16"	3" x 8"	2	18" x 36" Windows w/ shutters		
6	48" Long Filler Boards	3/8"	x 1-1/4"	1	18" x 24" Sunburst Gable Window		
1	32" Entry Door w/lockset - This door will be shipped by local supplier						

Qty.	<i>Material Supplied by Local Supplier</i>	
54 pcs.	2x4-Pre-cut Wall Studs	
12 pcs.	2x4-8' Wall & Tie Plates	
6 pcs.	2x4-12' Wall & Tie Plates	
21 pcs.	Exterior Siding	4x8
12 pcs.	OSB Sheathing	4x8
6 pcs.	OSB Loft Floor	4x8

#### ***Optional Roof Covering***

15 bdl.      Roof Shingles  
10 pcs.      Roof 'drip' Edge-10'